

B3 However, an absorbent article with wing portions having the above mentioned functions is not sufficient in leakage preventing effect.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B4 The conventional absorbent articles with a pair of left and right wing portions are packaged and sold in a condition such that the wing portions are folded towards a skin contacting surface side or a skin non-contacting surface side. However, it is not an easy job to fold the wing portions. Moreover, since a permanent fold is formed on the wing portions when they are taken out of packages, handling performance is inferior.

Please add the following paragraph after the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 20:

B5 Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

Please add the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page

2, line 22:

B6 The present invention will become more fully understood from the detailed description given hereinbelow and the accompanying drawings, which are given by way of illustration only, and thus are not limitative of the present invention, and wherein:-

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B7 This will be described in more detail. The absorbent body 2 includes a liquid-retentive body absorbent core 21. The body absorbent core 21 and each wing portion absorbent core 32 are isolated from each other through an isolating member 4. That is, the body absorbent core 21 and each wing portion absorbent core 32 are designed such that they are not directly contacted with each other. By virtue of the isolating member 4 between the body absorbent core 21 and each wing portion absorbent core 32, a large quantity of fluid is prevented from being absorbed by the wing portion absorbent cores at a time and the absorptive force of the wing portion absorbent cores 32 is sustained in a favorable condition during use.-

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B8 A sanitary napkin 1, as an absorbent article according to one embodiment of the second invention, has a pair of wing portions 3 each formed of a laminated sheet 3' by laminating at least two sheet materials as shown in FIGS. 4 to 6. The two sheet materials are bonded through an adhesive agent 34 except for linear non-coated areas 35 of a

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predetermined width formed on the wing portions 3 along opposite side edges 2a of the absorbent body 4.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In this embodiment, an adhesive agent 34 is applied to an entire surface of the absorptive sheet 32 except for linear non-coated areas 35, so that the antileakage sheet 31 and the absorptive sheet 32 are bonded together. The non-coated areas 35 are provided on the absorbent body 2 side in the front wing portions 3a and the rear wing portions 3b. In this way, it is desirable, in view of operability, to provide non-coated areas at locations adjacent to the absorbent body 2. A distance t from a side edge 2a to the absorbent body 2 is preferably 0 to 40 mm and more preferably 0 to 20 mm. That is, in the case where there are provided an upper layer portion and a lower layer portion as in this embodiment, the side edge 2a of the absorbent body 2 may be located on the non-coated area 35.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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With respect to the sanitary napkin of this embodiment, since the non-coated area 35 functions as a flexible axis, the wing portions can easily be folded when the napkin is wrapped up in a package. Moreover, handling performance is good in use. The wing portions 3 are easy to fold due to the function of the non-coated areas 35 and a permanent fold is not easily formed, either. Accordingly, it can be attached to the adjacent undergarment in a more stable manner, thus further enhancing slip preventing performance and absorbing performance.